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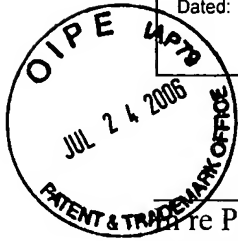
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2006, for which a response was due on May 23, 2006, and for which a two-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from May 23, 2006, to July 24, 2006 (the next succeeding business day), please consider the following:

There are no amendments to the specification or drawings.

A listing of claims, as amended, begins on page 2.

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